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Last night a complimentary dinner was given to Colonel Jerrard, D.A.A.O., late Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, by the officers of the Corps. During the evening, a silver tea service was presented to the Colonel for Mrs. Jerrard, as a souvenir of their stay in Hongkong and of Colonel Jerrard's valuable services in re-organizing the Corps.

At Shako the other day, one of the men in charge of Mr. F. H. May's pheasantry, came upon a party of natives who had found a deer in a pitfall. The pitfall had been set for a fox or some such animal that had been committing depredations amongst the fowls in the district. The deer was seriously injured internally that it had to be killed, and a share of it was sent to His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency Major-General Barker, and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Keewick. The deer was an antelope doe, such as are common in the Kwangtung Province, but was indigenous to the island. A few days prior to this a big deer drive was organized by Mr. May and Capt. Murray, A.D.O., who were accompanied by a number of the officers of the Rifle Brigade. Forty men of the Rifle Brigade and forty coolies turned out as beaters, and the ground traversed was in the vicinity of Shaikwan. Numerous traces of deer were seen, and in the course of the drive a hog deer was seen. It is no doubt one of those put down in the Island some years ago by Mr. William Keewick and Mr. John Bell-Irving.

W. Robinson and Company for the highest class Piano Tuning and Repairing.

That money is far from scarce is surely proved by the fact that a damaged blue penny Cap of Good Hope postage stamp, known as 'The Error.'

Mr. Bruce Hart, the only son of Sir Robert Hart, Bart., who recently married at Brighton to the only daughter of Captain Gilson, was to leave London on the 16th inst. with his bride on a visit to China.

Professor Okumura, the Japanese counsel engaged in the Chinkai-Racoon case, has informed the Japanese Government that the appeal in this suit will be heard by the Privy Council in London early in March.

This report that China had given an order for a first-class ironclad to be constructed by Sir W. G. Armstrong, Mitchell, & Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, is, we (London and China Express) believe, not correct.

HONGKONG RACE MEETING, 1895.

Stewards: His Excellency Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G.; His Excellency Vice-Admiral The Hon. Sir E. Fremantle, K.C.B.; His Excellency Major-General Dyer, C.B.; Commodore B. J. Jackson, R.N.; Colonel Macdonell, R.A.; Colonel Mulvey, R.E.; Lieut.-Colonel Sir Paul, The Rifle Brigade; Lieut.-Colonel Barrow, Hongkong Regiment; The Hon. C. P. O'Hare; A. O'Connell, Esq.; R. M. Gray, Esq.; H. E. Hobson, Esq.; The Hon. J. J. Keewick, Esq.; D. Gillespie, Esq.; Mr. Grose, Esq.; J. D. Humphreys, Esq.; T. Jackson, Esq.; Clerk of Stables—H. E. Hobson, Esq.; Judge of Stables—The Hon. C. P. O'Hare; Starter—Mr. Grose, Esq.; 2nd Starter—A. Babinington, Esq.; Hon. Treasurer—J. C. Peter, Esq.; Acting Clerk of Course—Hart Buck, Esq.

THIRD DAY.—Friday, Feb. 22.

There was a large attendance at the Race course to-day, and the spectators were rewarded with much better racing. Honours were well divided, and a surprise was created by the win of Torchlight in the Champions.

During the day music was played by the Band of the Hongkong Regiment.

The racing showed a vast improvement on that of the previous days. The struggle for the Civil Service Cup was a fine one, and Mr. Taylor on *Hobbit* played a waiting game, bringing along his pony in a fine style at the proper moment and winning neatly by three lengths from *Starlight*. After the race, the purse was presented by Miss Anton, who made a congratulatory little speech. Mr. Taylor, following out 'ole custom,' presented Miss Anton with a handsome bouquet, and the usual cheers were given for Miss Anton and the ladies.

For the Hongkong Stakes and the Parson Cap there were good races, Mr. Derick-Hunter's *Lumna* outlasting *Wildfire*, *Pickaninny* and *Morrison* for the Stakes, and *Cobweb* winning the Cup cleverly after an exciting race with *Hobbit* and *Blue Ribbon*. Every race seemed to improve in interest. The Garrison Cup brought out a small field, but it was not lacking in excitement. *Baccarat*, who had been showing disappointing form, redeemed his good name in this race, and made a dead-heat with *Dunmore*, who was much more in favour with the crowd. The time, however, was not equal to *Emerald's* last year. It was, of course, a forced entry for the Champion Stakes, and with only twelve

one points out it was a very difficult thing to spot the winner. *Dunmore* and *Baccarat*, the Derby winner were well supported; but the honours fell to neither, though both had something to say at the finish. Mr. John Peel's *Torchlight* came out at the half-mile post with a surprising turn for speed, and landed a popular victory for the favourite old stable of Mr. John Peel.

1.—THE CIVIL SERVICE PURSE.—Presented. Second Pony to receive half the entrance fees. For Subscription Grifflins of this season, 1894-95. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners 7 lbs. extra. Penalties accumulative. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Mr. Thomas's *Morrison*, 11.12. (Mr. Hart Buck) 1
Mr. Buxey's *Wildfire*, 11.5. (Mr. F. A. Sampson) 2
Mr. Derick-Hunter's *Lumna*, 11.5. (Mr. Master) 3
Mr. David's *Silver Dart*, 11.2. (Mr. Crawford) 0
Mr. Fourman's *Magic*, 11.0. (Mr. Taylor) 0
Mr. Fourman's *Mytic*, 10.9. (Mr. Taylor) 0

Magic and *Mytic* made the running past the stand. *Silver Dart*, who had been about to come round the outside at the Bridge and endeavoured to pass *Magic*, who kept the lead to the Rock. *Lumna* had come into third place. *Morrison* took *Wildfire* into third place. *Wildfire* and *Lumna* were a good race round the bend, four ponies being almost abreast, with *Wildfire* a short distance in the rear. At the distance, *Morrison* drew out and held a slight lead from *Magic*. *Wildfire* now came with a rush, and it was a fine race down the straight between *Morrison*, *Wildfire* and *Lumna*. *Morrison* managed to win by a length; and *Wildfire* beat *Lumna* by a neck. Time—2 min. 13 sec.

2.—THE CHALLENGE CUP.—Value 100 Guineas. For China Ponies. To be won two years consecutively by a Pony or Poney the best of the property of the same Owner. First Pony to receive 70 per cent. Second, 20 per cent.; and Third, 10 per cent. of entrance fees. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance (forced) \$5, but optional to Subscription Grifflins of this season, 1894-95. One Mile and Three Quarters.

Mr. F. B. Aubert's *Borill*, 11.1. (Mr. Jones) 1
Mr. Fourman's *Sinner*, 11.4. (Mr. Master) 2
Mr. John Peel's *Torchlight*, 10.12. (Mr. Grose) 3
Mr. Buxey's *Bluebird*, 11.1. (Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. Carruthers's *Havoc*, 11.4. (Mr. Crickshank) 0

The whole of the five ponies were 'triers,' and a good race was looked for. *Sinner* was a great favourite. *Bluebird*, as usual, gave trouble at the start and was struggling with his mate when the flag fell. *Sinner* led off with a strong lead from *Havoc* and *Bluebird*. *Bluebird* made up to the others at the Bridge, and at the Plantation *Borill* was last. *Torchlight* passed *Havoc* going up the hill, and at the bend *Sinner*'s lead had been considerably reduced. Coming down the straight, *Bluebird* and *Torchlight* got up to *Sinner*, *Havoc* and *Borill* close up. *Havoc* came in last, at the Bridge, *Torchlight* was second, slightly in front of *Havoc* and *Borill* was overtaking *Bluebird*. It was a grand race going past the Plantation, all the ponies being in a bunch, with *Sinner*'s head showing in front. *Bluebird* came again at the Bend and passed *Borill* and *Havoc* going down the hill; but there was not much to choose amongst the last. Entering the straight for the finish, *Bluebird* and *Torchlight* were pushing *Sinner* hard, but *Borill* claimed attention as he came striding down the course in grand form, looking every inch a winner. Just as they got in front of the Stand, *Sinner* was beaten and *Borill* had won a grand race by a length and a half. *Torchlight*, two lengths off, was slightly in front of *Bluebird* and *Havoc*, who finished level. Time—3 min. 55 sec.

3.—THE LADIES PURSE.—For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winning at this Meeting either three Subscription Grifflins or three Grifflins. Previous non-starters at this Meeting 12 lbs. extra. Entrance \$5. Seven Furlongs.

Mr. Rose's *Hobbit*, 11.8. (Mr. Taylor) 1
Mr. John Peel's *Torchlight*, 11.2. (Mr. Crickshank) 2
Mr. Boyd's *Dunmore*, 11.3. (Mr. Burkill) 3
Mr. David's *Celt*, 10.12. (Mr. Crawford) 0
Mr. George's *Harfang*, 10.12. (Mr. Fullerton) 0
Mr. Dryadus's *Dandy*, 10.9. (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
Mr. John Peel's *Warlock*, 11.1. (Mr. Grose) 0
Dr. Noble's *Surprise*, 11.1. (Owner) 0

After three unsuccessful attempts to get the ponies away, the flag dropped to a staggering start, *Dandy* being left at the post. *Starlight* led from *Harfang*. *Surprise* came along with a big rush at the Bridge, 7-4 was led by *Celt*. *Starlight* dropped behind *Celt* and *Harfang* the honour of leading the way, but *Celt* passed into first place at the Plantation, with *Surprise* third and *Starlight* fourth. *Harfang* stuck to *Celt*, having the better position on the rail, but fell off coming down the hill, where *Starlight* came into the column. *Borill* was beaten by *Havoc*. At the bend, *Hobbit* came right through and joined issue with *Celt*. *Hobbit* led into the straight, *Celt* and *Harfang* being still his closest attendants. *Starlight* and *Dunmore* then became dangerous, *Dunmore* coming too late, but with a fine sprint, *Hobbit* was never headed and ultimately won by three lengths from *Starlight*. *Dunmore*, third close up. Time—1 min. 52 1/2 sec.

4.—THE HONGKONG STAKES.—A forced entry of \$5 for all Subscription Grifflins of this season, 1894-95, entered at the Meeting. First Pony to receive 70 per cent. of the entrance fees, with \$100 added. Second Pony 30 per cent. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner of the German and/or Tai Yauk Fung Cup 10 lbs. extra, winners of any other race 5 lbs. extra. One Mile and a Half.

Mr. Derick-Hunter's *Lumna*, 11.8. (Mr. Master) 1
Mr. Buxey's *Wildfire*, 11.3. (Mr. Crawford) 2
Mr. Derick-Hunter's *Pickaninny*, 10.9. (Mr. Taylor) 3
Capt. Thomas's *Morrison*, 11.3. (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
Mr. Kraemer's *Blue Diamond*, 10.12. (Mr. Sampson) 0
Mr. Aldale's *Diogenes*, 11.1. (Mr. Burkill) 0

Diogenes went away with an extraordinary lead and was sent along for all he was worth. *Pickaninny* made the pace for his stable companion, whose rider was evidently watching *Wildfire*. At the Bridge the

crowd closed up with *Diogenes*, and *Pickaninny* continued to make the running, passing into first place on the hill. At the Rock, *Lumna* came alongside *Pickaninny*, and, which he retained to the finish. *Wildfire* came into the straight second, with *Pickaninny* and *Morrison* in pursuit. Mr. Master, on *Lumna*, was riding hands down, and was jinking round for the rest of the field; he won anyhow in 3 minutes 25 seconds. *Pickaninny* just beat *Morrison* for third place.

5.—THE PARKER CUP.—Presented. Second Pony to receive \$50. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race at this Meeting 7 lbs. extra; of two or more races 10 lbs. extra. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Quarter.

Mr. Dryadus's *Cobweb*, 11.1. (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Rose's *Hobbit*, 11.1. (Mr. Master) 2
Mr. David's *Blue Ribbon*, 10.12. (Mr. Crawford) 3
Mr. John Peel's *Seamew*, 10.9. (Mr. Grose) 0
Mr. Buxey's *Homeguard*, 11.1. (Mr. Taylor) 0

Seamew and *Blue Ribbon* led from *Homeguard* and *Cobweb*. This was the order past the Stand, but at the Bridge *Homeguard* came alongside and went to the front accompanied by *Cobweb*. *Blue Ribbon* stood the pace for a short distance, and *Homeguard* came up and overhauled *Seamew*. *Cobweb* had a slight lead at top of the hill from *Blue Ribbon*. *Homeguard* passed the lot coming down the hill, and led the way round the bend. *Cobweb* and *Blue Ribbon* endeavoured to get on level terms as they entered the straight, but *Homeguard* was a good winner. *Blue Ribbon* and *Seamew*, who held the outside berth, succeeded in getting past opposite the Stand, and won an excellent race by two lengths. Time—2 min. 40 sec.

6.—THE GARRISON CUP.—Presented by the Officers of the Garrison. For China Ponies and *Jade Grifflins* at date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Previous winners at this Meeting 7 lbs. extra. Penalties accumulative. Subscription Grifflins of this season, 1894-95, allowed 7 lbs. Entrance \$10. From the Two-Mile Post Once round and in.

Lord Conyngham's *Baccarat*, 11.1. (Mr. Hart Buck) 1
Mr. Boyd's *Dunmore*, 11.4. (Mr. Burkill) 2
Mr. Jay's *Tankard*, 11.4. (Mr. Sampson) 3
Mr. John Peel's *Starlight*, 11.1. (Mr. Crickshank) 0
Mr. David's *Celt*, 10.12. (Mr. Taylor) 0
+ Dead heat.

Baccarat held a slight lead coming down the straight for the first time, *Celt* and *Starlight* second and *Dunmore* close up. *Baccarat* improved his lead going towards the Plantation, and *Dunmore* came up abreast of *Celt*, and, later on, went into the second place. *Starlight* then passed *Celt*, while *Dunmore* went up to *Baccarat*. At the village, Lord Conyngham's pony still maintained his advantage and entered the straight with a slight lead. *Tankard*, who had been kept in the last place throughout the race, came along and passed *Celt* and *Starlight*, and went in pursuit of *Baccarat* and *Dunmore* who were fighting out a ding-dong race. The result was a dead heat; *Tankard* some distance off. Time—2 min. 26 sec.

In running off the dead-heat *Baccarat* led the way for half a mile, when *Dunmore* was sent to the front and won easily by about ten lengths. Time—2 min. 46 sec.

7.—THE CONSOLATION STAKES.—A Sweepstakes of \$5 each, with \$100 added. Second Pony to receive \$50. For horses China Ponies at this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. One Round.

Mr. Boyd's *Congo*, 11.1. (Mr. Burkill) 1
Mr. Little's *Celt*, 10.12. (Mr. Taylor) 2
Mr. Dryadus's *Dandy*, 10.9. (Mr. Hart Buck) 3
Mr. George's *Harfang*, 10.12. (Mr. Sampson) 0
Mr. Carruthers's *Havoc*, 11.4. (Mr. Crickshank) 0
Mr. Boyd's *Glengairn*, 10.9. (Mr. Master) 0
Mr. Jay's *Tankard*, 11.4. (Mr. Crawford) 0
Mr. John Peel's *Warlock*, 11.1. (Mr. Jones) 0
Mr. Inglis's *Alaric*, 11.1. (Mr. Grose) 0

Tankard was left at the post. *Warlock* cut out the pace from *Congo*. *Tankard* soon caught up, but was never dangerous. At the Plantation *Congo* was leading, with *Glengairn* and *Dandy* following closely. At the bend, *Warlock* had replaced *Glengairn*, and at the Village *Congo* was steering down, beautifully by Mr. Taylor and came into second place. *Congo* never caught and won by more than a length; *Celt* second, *Dandy* third. Time—1 min. 55 sec.

8.—THE CHAMBERLAIN STAKES.—For China Ponies winners at this Meeting only. A forced entry. Entrance \$20; winner of two races \$30; of three or more \$50. Weight for inches as per scale. One Mile and a Half.

Mr. John Peel's *Torchlight*, 10.12. (Mr. Master) 1
Mr. Boyd's *Dunmore*, 11.1. (Mr. Burkill) 2
Mr. Buxey's *Black Velvet*, 11.1. (Mr. Crawford) 3
Mr. F. B. Aubert's *Borill*, 11.1. (Mr. Jones) 4
Mr. Fourman's *Primrose*, 11.1. (Mr. Sampson) 0
Mr. Fourman's *Seamew*, 11.1. (Mr. Taylor) 0
Mr. John Peel's *Starlight*, 11.4. (Mr. Crickshank) 0
Mr. Boyd's *Dunmore*, 11.1. (Mr. Hart Buck) 0

Measur. Fourman, Peel, and Boyd d started 'best to win.' *Starlight* led from *Primrose* and *Seamew* came into third place. *Dunmore* led the way down the hill from Fourman's post; the others came distances behind. Coming past the stand for the first time, *Dunmore* led, but gave up the position to *Primrose*; *Seamew* was third, *Black Velvet* fourth, *Torchlight* fifth, *Starlight* sixth. At the Bridge, *Black Velvet* shot ahead and *Dunmore* drew up to *Primrose*. *Dunmore* falling back into the rank. *Torchlight* passed *Black Velvet* on the hill, attended by *Sinner*, and these three drew away from *Dunmore*, who came up again at the bend. All the others seemed to be out of the race at this stage. Coming into the straight, it was impossible to tell who was leading, but *Torchlight* showed prominently and came out clearly pursued by *Dunmore*, who was unable, however, to get on even terms, and the popular blue-and-silver colours were carried to victory. Time—3 min. 15 sec.

9.—THE NIX DEFEAT STAKES.—A Sweepstakes of \$5 each, with \$50 added. Second Pony to receive \$50. For horses Subscription Grifflins of this season, 1894-95. Weight for inches as per scale. Half Mile.

Mr. Carruthers's *Seamew*, 11.4. (Mr. Crickshank) 1
Mr. Fourman's *Mytic*, 10.9. (Mr. Taylor) 2
Mr. David's *Silver Cloud*, 10.9. (Mr. Fullerton) 3
Mr. Boden's *Chop Chop*, 11.1. (Owner) 0
Mr. Aldale's *Diogenes*, 11.1. (Mr. Burkill) 0
Mr. Masson's *Crunder*, 10.9. (Mr. Grose) 0
Mr. Jay's *Nizantz*, 11.1. (Mr. Thomas) 0

It was a scrambling start; *Seamew* got off best and won anyhow. There was a close contest for second honours, and *Mytic* just beat *Silver Cloud*. Time—1 min. 14 sec.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']
(Via Southern Line.)

LONDON, February 22nd, 1895.
THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.
Li Hung Chang proceeds to Japan to negotiate terms of peace.

UNEASY FEELING IN EGYPT.

The Times' correspondent in Cairo states that there are symptoms in Alexandria which recall the events preceding the massacre in 1882. There has been a great influx of belouines to the outskirts of the city of late. The agents of the Khedive are distributing largesse to, and enlisting help in the Khedival body-guard. The French papers attack Lord Cromer and the British policy. The *Journal des Debats* justifies the discontent expressed by the Khedive and his Ministers.

THE BLACKMAILING IN PARIS.

PARIS, Feb. 13.
The Tribunal is now trying the journalists charged with blackmailing. The accused are—M. Claire (Paris); M. Girard (XIXe Arr.); M. Heffier; M. Trocard (Paris); M. Dreyfus (XXIXe Arr.); and M. Canivet, editor (Paris). M. Portalis, editor of the *XXIXe Arr.*, who has absconded, is being tried in absence.

FRANCE AND AUSTRIA.

M. Felix Faure, the French President, has exchanged cordial despatches with the Emperor of Austria.

INDO-CHINA AFFAIRS.

PARIS, Feb. 14.
M. Chaumet, Minister for the Colonies, has had a conference with M. de Lanesme, the late Governor of Indo-China, regarding the situation in that Colony. M. Roussier, the new Governor, was present, having delayed his departure at the request of M. Chaumet. The conference is reported to have been very cordial.

GERMANY.

The Reichstag has rejected on the second reading the coercion law applying to Alsace.

ITALY AND FRANCE.

The Court at Genoa has rescinded the sentence on Capt. Romani, of the French Army, who had been arrested and sentenced on a charge of espionage.

TRANSPORT AND CABIN PLACES.

At W. Robinson and Company.

The United States gunboat *Mechos* arrived at Colombo from New York on the 20th January on her way to China to join the United States Squadron there. The *Mechos* left New York on the 20th of November last, and called at the Straits, Australia, Manila, Port 8-14, Isumi, Sase, and Aden. The *Mechos* is a gunboat of 1,180 tons and 1,000 horse-power, and carries eight 4-inch quick-firing guns, four 6-pdr. quick-firing guns, two 1-pdr. and two machine guns. She is commanded by Captain E. S. Houston.

The ex-Chilian cruiser *Esmeralda* arrived in Yokohama on the 5th inst., having been purchased by the Japanese Government. She is a smaller and inferior type of the *Yamato* and *Takachiho* class, and was built by Armstrong & Co. long ago as 1883. She is 3,000 tons, and is 270 feet in length, 40 in breadth, and draws 18.3 water. Her armament consists of two 10-in. 25-ton guns, and six 6-in. 4-ton guns, with a couple of quick-fitters and some machine guns. She has a protective deck, but it is only one inch in thickness. She could, when new steam engines knock, but is not now capable of attaining near that speed.

The Pioneer's London correspondent writes: 'A curious notice was recently issued by Major-General Bengough, who has just given up the command of the troops in Jamaica. He requested the ladies who came to his farewell lunch at Headquarters House, Kingston, to wear no head-dresses in order that he might kiss their hands.' A Bangor contemporary slightly remarks: 'Can this be the erstwhile Bangor Bengough? While here on his native General Bengough was seen on his way to a ladies' dinner. He was seen to kiss the hands of a number of ladies, and he was not a little surprised when he found that the ladies of Bangor have come to be jealous.'

In the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, on 16th January, before Mr. Justice Romer, in re Bank of China and Japan and the Kinait, Limited, the two petitioners, one by the voluntary liquidator asking for a supervening order, and the other a petition by the creditors asking for a compulsory winding-up order, stood for till next petition day. Mr. Latham, Q.C., and Mr. T. R. Warrington, Q.C., and Mr. Wainwright were counsel for the petitioners.

HUSBAND: 'H'm—or—what's the matter with this cake?' Wife (angrily): 'Nothing at all. The cookery-book says it's the most delicious cake that can be made.'

THE EXPLOSION AT FORMOSA.

There is news from South Formosa of a terrible disaster at Takow, on Friday the 1st instant. It appears that about 2 p.m. a powder magazine in the large fort at Saracen's Head exploded with terrific force, completely wrecking the fort and killing, it is supposed, upwards of eighty people, chiefly soldiers. It seems that preparations were being made for the reception of a new regiment of Black Flags from Peking, but how the powder became ignited no one can say, only one soldier who was inside the fort at the time, being saved. The fort was struck by a large piece of granite, and killed. Part of the body of a man, attached in some extraordinary way to a great block of coral, crashed through the roof of a house in the village. Houses and gardens are all now in a state of being, and those foreigners living on the island appear to have had a most wonderful escape. Some fifty bodies have been recovered from the ruins. The Commandant was absent at the time of the explosion. The shock was distinctly felt and heard at Anping and Tainan, a distance of over twenty-five miles.—*Amoy Gazette*.

A LITTLE BAND OF JAPANESE CHRISTIANS.

Hiroshima, February 7th, 1895.
Since the beginning of the War, native Christians of different denominations have formed themselves into one united body called the *Doshinko*, or association of the like-minded. Their first action was to send out lectures to different parts of the Empire, declaring, in the name of Christianity, that the present war was the inevitable result of China's unreasonable audacity and claudeness but constant efforts to block the progress of modern civilisation in the Orient; and Japan in her relations with China has always endured what could be endured; that the war is nothing but a step towards establishing the peace of the East on a firmer and more enduring basis. This action of the Christians did a great deal toward making their attitude widely known throughout the country. They then divided their work, and applied themselves partly to the more practical task of rescuing soldiers fighting for their country. Bible and tracts were widely distributed among the troops. A body of soldiers recently arriving from Nagoya had a copy of the Pocket New Testament given to each by the Christians of the city of the Golden Castle. In Hiroshima an Association of Christians is thrown open for soldiers every day, whether they can come either to read or inquire, some of the clergymen of different denominations being always present to give the visitors a cordial welcome.

When the last expeditionary army was embarking at Ujina, a little band of Christian missionaries, consisting of members of the Oshayama Orphanage, attired in uniform, disengaged sweet music to the men on their way to the field of battle. Several other demonstrations were made by the public, but the little band touched most strongly the hearts of the men, and in answer to the music, they gave their cheers for Christianity as they marched on. A good many tracts were distributed on that occasion. There are many Christians among the military men, and they are clearly disapproving of their action—the false accusation preferred by Shintoists and anti-foreign politicians, that Christianity will make disloyal subjects.

The endeavours of the native Christians did not stop here. They have now succeeded in raising a sufficient amount of money to send their ministers to the fields of action, as converts not only of their good wishes but also of their appreciation of the noble cause, they gave their cheers for Christianity as they marched on. They applied for and obtained permission from the general headquarters, and will leave for their respective destinations about the middle of this month. Those appointed to be sent are the Rev. Mr. Honda from Tokyo, the Rev. Mr. Miyagawa from Osaka, the Rev. Messrs. Teraoka and Yamakita from Hiroshima, and the Rev. Mr. Aoki. The Rev. Mr. Honda and two others will go to the quarters of the First Army, while the rest will visit the Second Army.

Besides such demonstrative actions, the Christian work quietly carried on among soldiers is evidently doing much good. Hospitals are visited, and the inmates have the Gospel, Christian ladies of Kyoto, under the superintendence of Mrs. Nishitani, are now volunteering as nurses at the Red Cross Hospital here. In such and many other ways, propaganda is going on in earnest. Even little girls in Christian schools are contributing their mites toward the good work.—*Japan Mail*.

SCIENCE SO-CALLED AND 'SLAVERY' IN SINGAPORE.

ASTOUNDING STATEMENTS.
Before the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, which met at Brisbane, a certain Mr. Owen, on the 16th ult., read an interesting paper on Borneo. After describing the natural features, position and size of the country, its mineral and animal and vegetable resources, he proceeded to refer to some features of interest in connection with the Borneo 'slave' trade, the peculiar character of which will appear from the following. He said the British soldiers were employed at Singapore to guard slaves and place them on board ship, to be transported to Java and Borneo. The slaves were badly treated, and the death rate was so great that in one case in order to keep up the supply of 600 slaves, it was found necessary to import no less than 2,000 annually. Large fortunes were made by Chinese slave-dealers in Singapore. Head-hunting had only ceased in a portion of the territory of Borneo. The coolies were not regarded in Hongkong as human beings. If he had not seen this trade in Singapore he would not have believed it. The coolies were brought from China, and, under the guard of British armed forces, drifted on board the vessels. Dutch soldiers were very brutal to the slaves, but the English were the reverse.

Dr. Waugh remarked that the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland exchanged with Singapore, and that Mr. Owen's paper would doubtless excite great discussion there as elsewhere. His name would be attached to it, and inquiry would probably be made as to why British soldiers were utilised to guard slaves under the British flag.

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Dr. Waugh: Well, the paper will excite great astonishment. Mr. Owen said he knew it would, but what he had said was absolute fact. At Labuan he had noted as the manager of a coal mine, and those he employed were runaway coolies. A steamer would leave with 600 on board. He had always refused to give the runaways up.

His Excellency the Governor said he could not understand how British troops came to be employed in guarding slaves or coolies. The Governor had no power to order the General commanding the district to furnish troops for such purpose, and how the Governor of Singapore could have gone to Sir Charles Warren and asked for British troops to guard coolies as the writer of the paper had said, he could not understand. The General would certainly have given him an emphatic 'No.' Troops could only be called out to put down an insurrection. Mr. Owen said he was not making his statement. He had not said that British soldiers were employed; but they were armed and uniformed forces paid by the British Government.

